THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The details of construction of buildings/staff quarters are given below:

	Sanctioned	Constructed	In Use
K.V.S. (School buildings)	26	16	16
K.V.S. (Staff quarters)	21	16	15
N.V.S. (Buildings & staff quarters)	26	20	20

(b) and (c) Construction of school buildings, staff quarters and dormitories for the Navodaya Vidyalaya Chittorgarh has already progressed considerably and the school is functioning in the permanent building.

Stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Anantapur

1395. SHRI SAIFULLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajdhani Express runs weekly from Bangalore to Delhi and Delhi to Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that it stops at Dharmauaram instead of district headquarters Anantapur;

(c) if so, what action is likely to be taken by Government to stop Rajdhani at Anantapur; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to run Rajdhani Express twice a week due to heavy rush?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not proposed to stop the Rajdhani Express at Anantapur.

(d) Increase in the frequency of 2429/2430 Hazrat Nizammuddin-Bangalore weekly Rajdhani Express is being examined and action as found feasible and justified will be taken.

Launching of second Green Revolution

1396. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to launch a second green revolution mainly by converting the grey arable regions into green areas;

(b) if so, the details of the plan, indicating such grey areas in different States and Union Territories available for the purpose; and

(c) the time frame of such a plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) They grey areas mainly comprise arid and semi-arid ecological regions and the soils affected by salinity and alkalinity. The total estimated area in arid region and semi-arid region in the country is 20.7 million ha. and 93.20 million ha. respectively. These areas also include 10 million ha. of salt-affected soils.

Various schemes like National Watershed Development Project or Rainfed Areas, Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP). Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers (FPR), Reclamation of Alkali Soils and several crop production schemes which are implemented in arid and semi-arid areas of different States

provide assistance for insitu moisture conservation, treatment of areas on inputs for crop demonstrations and production, and propogate use of suitable varieties of crops and agronomic practices. The objective of these scheme is to augument crop productivity and production as per targets fixed for the plan. However, there is no proposal at present for launching a second green revolution as such.

Extension of Tickets for on going Journeys

1397. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have stopped extending tickets for on going journeys through the Travelling Train Conductors;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to re-introduce the system of 'telescopic fare' in the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. The Railways have not stopped issuing extension tickets through Travelling Tyrain Conductors.

(b) and (c) The Railways charge fares on the telescopic basis throughout the network. However, when a passenger extends journey on the train, a ticket is issued treating this as a separate/fresh journey and charged accordingly.

Pending Tourism development projects in Gujarat

1398. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some tourism development projects in Gujarat are pending for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the stage where these projects are laying pending;

(c) the steps taken to expedite clearance of those projects; and

(d) if no steps have been taken, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No tourism projects from Gujarat State are pending in the Ministry for environmental clearance.

(b) to (d) Do no arise.

इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय को केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय का दर्जा दिया जाना

1399. **श्री सोमपाल:** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि 1990 में तत्कालीन प्रधान मंत्री ने इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय को केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय का दर्जा देने की योजना की घोषणा की थी;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि आठवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना में इस योजना के लिए कुछ प्रावधान किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की गई है;

(घ) यदि भाग (ख) और (ग) का उत्तर "नां" हो तो क्या सरकार इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय के ऐतिहासिक महत्व को ध्यान में रखकर उसे केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय का दर्जा देगी; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय को केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय के रूप में परिवर्तित करने के संबंध में, तत्कालीन प्रधानमंत्री श्री वी॰पी॰ सिंह के प्रधानमंत्रित्व काल में कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया जा सका था।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) और (ङ) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार और विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के परामर्श से इस मामले पर विचार किया जा रहा है। मामले से सम्बन्धित सभी